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MEMORANDUM FOR:

SUBJECT : Provision of Intelligence Support on Shipping  
Involved in Cuban Trade

1. For several weeks the Transportation Branch of ORR has been producing a compilation of information concerning ships involved in trade with Cuba. This includes both bloc and free world shipping. The compilation also contains a certain amount of cargo data.

2. This compilation was requested originally by General Lansdale and the Task Force in independent requests. It is useful in a number of aspects of operational planning.

3. The compilation of shipping data is a laborious task that requires examination of thousands of individual reports which must be organized and reconciled. ORR has been producing the compilation using extraordinary measures which have resulted in the cessation of all work on shipping involved with other parts of the Soviet Bloc. The analysts responsible for studying bloc civil air transportation have also been diverted to this task. As a result of the constant pressure, lack of relief in sight, and their inability to work on tasks for which they were primarily responsible, morale in the unit is low and there is a possibility that some of the junior personnel may quit.

4. The situation has been discussed with representatives of the Task Force and ONI. As a result of this conversation

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